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Brief Reherfall of
Beleef of the Goodwilling
Englande / which are named, the
Relie of Loue / with the Confessio
of their vpright chzisten Res
ligion / against the false
Accusation of their
Gaine-speakers.

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Ademne noman before thou knowest
her: Knowe it first, and then rebuke.
For no iudgements before thou hast heard
and let men first tel-out their Tales.
Eccli. 11.

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unto all Goodwillinge which
our God & his Righteousnes,
Saluation and Peace.

So much as wee are
bzuted & defamed with man
ny-manner of false Repoztes
and Lyes, by certen malitiz
and slaunderous Persons; that
as yet communed with vs of
such Things as they criminate &
rege vs with-all; to the great Des
nge and Hindering of vs / and our
od-name and Fame, amonge such
whom wee rest as yet vnknownen /
that they mought therby bzing vs
to a Contempt and Obloquie / and
make vs detestable and monstrous
in the Eyes of y^e Common-people:
also haue mooued; with such their
slaunderous Repoztes; the spirituall
ulers oz Matestrates, to cast some
into Prison / and dzine vs there
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through to great Trouble and Charastio
ges / wher-as men haue not iustlie toffer a
blame, accuse, detect, or burden vs / as
Transgressours of the Lawe (be-^{it}fall /
against any of the Queene-her Ma^{nded}
testi. s Proceedings in Causes Eccle^{siast}
siasticall / or-els in her politike Lawe^{we} no
of Gouvernement in Causes Temp^{or} Ca
pozall) but haue alwayes shew^{ed} that
ourselues (like as it becometh leigh^{frui}
Subiectes to doo) to liue and walke
in all dutifull Obedience : loyall^{that}
towards thesame / and applyed ^{deslie} :
endeuoured vs : to the vtterest of o^{ur} extra
Power; to the Fulfillinge of the Articles
quiring therof / if wee mought be right^{the} B
lie tryed therein , by the Voyce of ^{tion} an
Countrie where we dwell / and t
such as knowe vs / or with whom w
haue had to deale / and not by ^W r
titious , which enuie vs in our W
doinge and Reasonable-dealinges
So are wee therfore : out of speciall
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cession; moued and vrged [to the
er answering and satisfying of all
atestrates both spirituall and tems
all / and of such as are resonable-
nded / and that rest-doutfull of our
ight Cause (moze soz that they
ue not any iust Intelligence of the
e Case and State of thesame / then
that they rest whollie stayed vpon
frivolous, vnseemlie, and vntue
utes as go-fourth against vs)
at they mought thinke therof]
flie : as heere insueth; to set-downe
extract or short Note, both of the
tticles of our chzisten Belief / as als
he Grounde of our synceere Res
on and sounde Profession.

Deus Charitas est.

Seeing then that it is mee
a requisite / that euery vpright
leuer in Iesu Christ, render an
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Answer of his Faith / when hee is con-
required therto (being falslie accused of
contrarie to his right Beleeves) / so can we
wee not therfore omit, to confesse and cru-
acknowledge our vpright and true
Faith / against all those that vnjustly
accuse vs, in our right Beleeves.

First-of-all, wee acknowledge and
confesse / that wee knowe no hold
not of anye other Beleeves / then that
which is required by the Prophecie
of God, out of the Lawe of the Lord / And
and wheron the holie Apostles and the
Euangelistes of Iesu Christ, haue
builded and stood-grounded / and like
as the same is also taught & confessed
by the Communitie of the Sainctes
of Iesu Christ.

For wee beleeue in the liuing God
of Heauen, the Father almightie / and
the true Maker of Heauē and Earth.

And wee beleeue in Iesus Christ
his onlie Sonne, our Lorde : which

is conceived by the Holie-gost: and
of the Virgin Marie: Hee suffe
and passion vnder Pontius Pilate:
and crucified, dead, and buryed / and
wounded into Hell: and the thirde
day, Hee rose-againe from & Death:
ascended to the Heauens / and
there Hee sitteth at the Right-hand
of God, his Father almightie: From
whence wee belecue Hee is to com, to
iudge both the Quicke and the Dead.
And wee beleue in the Holie-gost:
the holie Catholike-church, the Com
munion of Sainctes: the Remission
of Sinnes: the Resurrection of the
bodye: and the Life euerlastinge.

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WEE acknowledg likewise, the
Father, to be God / vncreat
and eternall / a stronge or mightie
spirit / a perfect cleere Light / and a
true Beinge or Substaunce: and
that thesame true Beinge, is bys
Name /

Name/ and the Loue itself.

Wee acknowledge also, & Sonne
to be God, out of God / of the very-like
Beeing: or very-same Substaunce, the
of his Father / the very true and onlie / a
begotten Sonne of God / begotten
fro Everlastingnes / and : in the full an
nes of the tyme; borne of a Virgin all
out of the Seede of David according to
to the fleash: the Sonne of Man: for
the Sautour of the Worlde: the true
Messias: a Mediatour alone, betwix
twixt God and Man: In whose
Name onlie (and in none-other) we
obtaine Saluation / and the Remissio
sion of our Sinnes.

Wee acknowledge likewise, the
holie-gost to be God (as proceeding
from God the Father and his Sonne
Iesus Christ) and the true Spirit of
God: the Comforter: and the Oyle
or Annoyntinge, wherewithall God
annoynteth his elected People eternally.

le-church. For They are, out of
Grace of God the Father: vnder-
-lied; redeemed, iustified, and made-
-nce, through the Crosse/Death/Pas-
-alia/ and Bloud-sheaddinge of Iesu
-terist: Which Holie-gast, doth dis-
-fuk and leade all his Annoynted, in
-in all Trueth. For They onlie, are
-ing true circumcised Israelites out of
-in: Faith of Abraham, or the right
-ristians, through the Satisfactio-
-bey of Christ, in the Holie of the true
-of tabernacle/ wherein they daylie take-
-en their Crosse on them, with Him/
-ifd followe-after Christ, in all Gods
-nes and Trueth / to the Purginge
-h their Sinnes, til-into his Loue: In
-ghom also the Spirit of Christ, dwel-
-eth, liueth, and woorketh / and not
-ntenlle; in Any-other.

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-d Acknowledge, concerning this
-re-onelle liuinge God (the Father /
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Sonne/and Holle-gost/with & Comvv
muntialtie of his Sainctes) all and es
uerpe Part that is wziten & confessed
(by the holie Fathers) in the olde and
new Testament, of oz concerning the
same Godhead/ to be a Thinge most
true/ & very-needfull that euery Chri
stian beleue, acknowleg, and confesse/ a
thesame / and also liue therein. So dese :
wee in like-manner acknowleg, all the (w
rest of holie Scripture afozesaide / and
likewise all what-euer accozdeth with
the Minde of ysame (being set-fourth
and instituted by holie Fathers, oute
of the true Light) to be an vpright
godlic, and healthsom Doctrine / and
so ought to be take and acknowleged
of all Christians : But All whatsoe
uer accozdeth not therewith, that hold
wee not for any-thing necessarie vnto
Saluation/ but rather for that which
proceedeth out of y Mans Imaginati
on/ & not out of the Spirit of Christ.]

Now

now followeth the Confession
of our Religion.

¶ Considering the great
Loue of God towards vs and
Mankinde / in that hee hath crea-
ed the Man like-vnto his owne I-
mage / as also sett him in the fulnes
of life : and how that hee hath more
loved (when wee were becom his Ene-
mies ; through the Transgressing of
the Woord; and Childzen of Death)
yet farther extended his Loue to-
wards vs / and sent his onlie Sonne
Iesus Christ into this Woold / which
was to our Attonement; suffered the
paine of the Crosse , which wee our-
selves were gilty in : When wee
now consider all this great Loue ex-
tended on vs / so are wee moued to
loue him againe / standing euen so Re-
deemed or bound-againe [& so Religi-
ous] to loue the same God of Life, with
all

all our Heart / Soule / and Might
and also our Neighbour as ourselues
And for that cause, to thend that wha
mought vprightlie shewe-fourth the
same, both in the Deede and Trueth
wee reade the holie Scripture of the
Propheates and Apostles of Christ
and all other Bookes which exhort
vs vnto such an vpright Life / & Loe
of God and our Neighbour: not
finge any other Ceremonies / Lawes
Statutes nor Sacramentes of Ba
thine and Supper-of- γ -lord / then
as are ministred in γ Church of Eng
lande. And to that ende obey wee
so our soueraigne Ladie, the Queene
and γ Maiestrates: our fore-go
both spirituall and temporall: γ
that of God-his behalf / and euen
our Conscience and the Peaces can
payinge all Tribute vnto these-sa
Maiestrates: liuinge obedientlie
subiectlike: euen as it is meete & right
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by their Lawes : and also dealing
withall Men vprightlie, faithfullie,
charitablie (euen-like as wee our-
selues wolde gladlie be dealt-withall
their Handes) keepinge likewise
true with All-men / so farre as is pos-
sible for vs. And this wee holde to be
most fulfillingge both of the Lawe and
of the Scriptures / as likewise the Doctrine
of Christ and his Apostles (as is
contayned in the Olde & New
Testament. And our Conscience bea-
reth this recorde / that all such Single-
personnes ought to be defended by
the Governour, from all Iniustice
and Tirannical oppression.

His same is : finallie ; the Con-
sentences of our Beleef / and the
Manner of our Religion, brieflie de-
scribed / and what wee acknowledge
and confesse concerning thesame, euen
at the Bottom of our Heartes : and
is also required of eueryone : thos
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rough the gracious Word of Christ
in the Service of the Love of Ie-
Christ : and not els-what. And w-
thinke th's our Confessinge ; heere-
witnessed ; to be sufficient besoze
christian Maiestates, both spirituall
and temporall / and for all Reson-
ble-men . Hoping also therfore (in
much as wee endeavour vs to liue sub-
iectlike and peaceable vnder our Ma-
iesties Lawes) that our Cause shall
; with Justice ; considered , to a Re-
leassinge of vs from this our Sub-
tined-bondage of Straightnes / Pe-
turbation / and great Charges, whi-
in wee now are bewzapped and se
without iust cause of our part desi-
red . &c.

*Let everyone consider and
waye our Cause up-
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